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1981-2011**

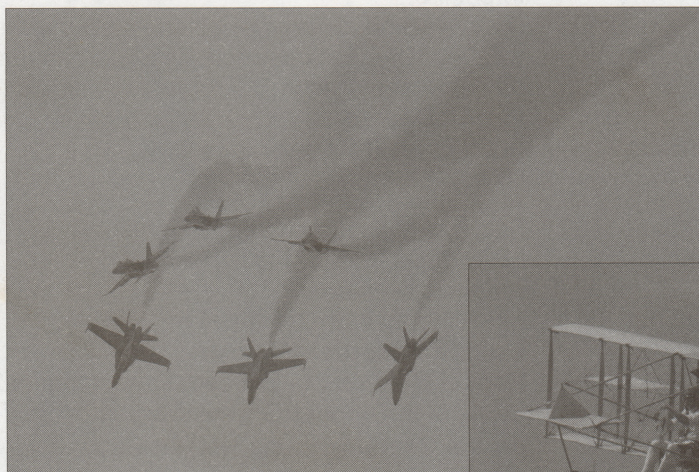
HANGAR HAPPENINGS

CELEBRATING OUR 30TH YEAR!

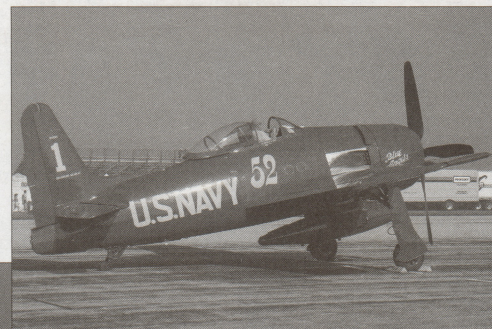
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THUNDER OVER MICHIGAN™ 2011, A TRIBUTE TO 100 YEARS OF NAVAL AVIATION, AGAIN SHOWED IT HAD THE RIGHT STUFF

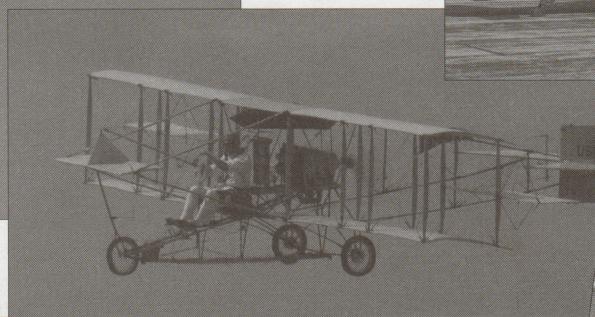
Yes the temps were a little toasty and that kept some folks away, but the bad wx (50% chance of thunderstorms forecast) stayed away for the weekend and THUNDER OVER MICHIGAN™ again showed why it is one of the premier air shows in the country. A new traffic scheme prevented any serious traffic jams and the exit was pretty orderly so parking lots were clear by 6pm when the Yankee Air Museum Garbage Grunts were already in afterburner mode cleaning the site. **GRUNTS ROCK !!!**



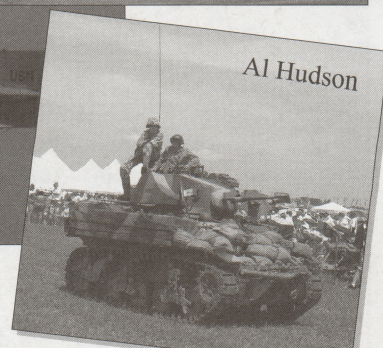
Grumman Bearcat, one of the first planes the Blues flew



Photos by Rand Bitter except as noted.
Great job Rand and Al Hudson!



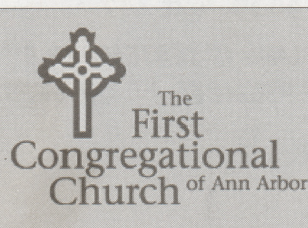
Thunder had something for everyone.
Above, replica of Navy Triad, the first Navy aircraft, 50 mph top speed!



Al Hudson



Al Hudson



Special thanks to The First Congregational Church of Ann Arbor and Wesley United Methodist Church, Whitmore Lake for providing volunteers for the A-Team as a fundraiser for their programs. About 150 people are needed to run the admission gates and these two churches provided about half that staffing.

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MEETING SCHEDULE

General Membership
1st Wednesday of Month - 7:30 PM
Members FREE, non-members \$5

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2nd Thursday of Month - 7:00 PM

YAM Dispatch Riders Meeting
3rd Saturday of Month—10:00 AM

Staff Meeting
4th Saturday of Month - 10:00 AM
All Department Chairs and Managers

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YANKEE AIR FORCE BYLAWS ARTICLE II - PURPOSES

The YAF is organized exclusively to obtain, restore, preserve and operate historic and vintage aircraft, related components for historical research and public educational purposes, and to establish a museum to facilitate the public display and exhibition of such items.

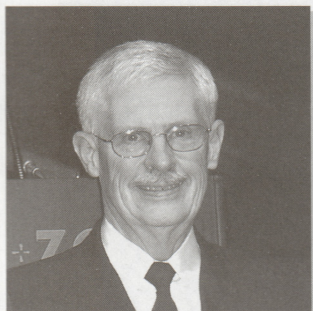
PAST DATES OF INTEREST

- 1 Sept 1939 Germany invades Poland
- 1 Sept 1942 USAAF accepts first Ford built B-24 from Willow Run
- 2 Sept 1942 First production C-87 (transport version of B-24) delivered to USAAF
- 2 Sept 1945 Flyover of 462 B-29s during **Japan's ceremonial surrender** on battleship *Missouri*
- 3 Sept. 1939 Britain and France declare war on Germany. **WWII** begins.
- 4 Sept 1922 Army Lt. James H. Doolittle makes first **coast-to-coast** crossing of the US in a single day from Florida to California in a de Havilland D.H.4B
- 8 Sept 1994 Last Allied soldiers leave Berlin, ending occupation that began in 1945
- 9 Sept 1942 **Sole bombing of Continental U.S.** by a plane. Japanese plane launched from sub drops incendiary bomb near Brookings, OR, igniting a forest fire.
- 11 Sept 2001 Four hijacked airliners simultaneously used as weapons of mass destruction, now an annual day of remembrance:
Patriot Day *US Flag to fly at half-mast*
- 16 Sept **POW / MIA Remembrance Day**
On this day, the third Friday in September, the POW / MIA Flag must be flown at all Federal buildings
- 17 Sept 1908 First fatal injury in an airplane crash: Lt. Thomas W. Selfridge. The pilot, Orville Wright, was injured
- 23 Sept 1911 First flight to carry **US air mail**
- 24 Sept **Gold Star Mothers Day**
- 27 Sept 1944 **Kassel Mission.** In just over three minutes 20 B-24s of the 445th BG went down in a forest in central Germany, along with 29 German fighters. A total of 49 planes go down within a 15-mile radius of each other. Other B-24's go down over Germany and France. Only 4 of the original 35 B-24's return to their base in Tibenham, England.
- 30 Sept 1949 Berlin Airlift ends.

August 50/50 was won by **Kaye Wellard** who donated his winnings to the Hangar Fund. **Low Major** won a gift certificate to the Museum Store (he answers phones too, pg 14). **Carol Guenther** won a WWII book and **Gary Justice** and **Steve Guenther** won B-24 key chains donated by bomber camp speakers Paul & Joe Osentoski

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**OCTOBER 2011 ISSUE DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 9TH
BUT BEST TO HAVE ITEMS IN SEPTEMBER 1ST OR BEFORE !**



Executive Director Report - Randy Hotton

The summer has flown by and we approach the anniversary of our first year in our new building and our 30th anniversary. This has been an exciting year for the Yankee Air Museum. We had a presentation from a consultant named Mike Montgomery three years ago. He told us that in order for our Museum to go to the next step, we had to have a physical presence. This building has fulfilled that role. We have become real place now to people outside of our Yankee membership. Our new Collections & Exhibits/ Headquarters Building has put Yankee back on the map. The work of our volunteers over the last year has enhanced our visitor's experience and drawn many favorable comments from new comers to our Museum. The kick-off party for the

Ypsilanti Heritage Festival that was held in August was a perfect example of us starting to fill a role as a viable member of the community. Further good news is that we have settled our dispute with the National Museum of the UASF

We continue to move toward fulfillment of our 2011 goals set at our January off-site meeting.

Top four 2011 Goals

1. Enhance the visitor Experience with major improvement No Later Than (NLT) Dec 31st, one per quarter.
We have been loaned a Franklin Glider. It was built in Ypsilanti, Mi. during the 1930's
Our 1943 Stinson V-77 that was produced in Wayne, Michigan has taken a place inside our museum.
Bringing these aircraft into our museum is fulfilling a need to highlight our local aviation heritage.
2. Hire a Development Director NLT April 30th, this goal has been achieved and Velda is bringing a wealth of museum experience to our organization. See her column on page 6.
We continued to have meetings in August to further define our future direction. We identified 5 critical areas that need to be addressed in our annual goals (abbreviated list below). When we do our annual goal setting these critical issues will drive our objectives for 2012.
Revenue: Establish a reliable and renewable earned and unearned revenue stream
Marketing: Establish a marketing plan that will increase awareness of the Yankee Air Museum
Education: Establish an impactful museum experience to inspire and motivate youth to pursue STEM careers
Operations: Establish an effective operational structure that will strengthen the organization
Governance: This goal has not yet been established and the Board of Directors will be meeting this month to address this issue.
3. Further develop Web Site to pursue E Commerce
We now have our "Donor Perfect" software to allow collection of donor history as part of our fundraising program.
We continue work on improving our web site.
4. Now that we have become a Smithsonian Institute Affiliate Museum, we will start using their logo on our Museum materials and brochures.

The staff set the following as sub goals for the Museum without completion dates.

- Membership: We saw membership increase again in July due to recruiting at Thunder Over Michigan™.
- Our pole barn was finally finished in August. The heavy rains at the end of July delayed our already delayed project even further. Moving out of the T-Hangars and into the pole barn will save the Museum some money.

The Museum is now only open five days a week. We have gone on winter hours after the Labor Day weekend.

The C-47 had a great three-day trip to Oshkosh in July, everyone enjoyed their OSH experience and we are looking forward to making this trip again next year.

General Membership Meetings:

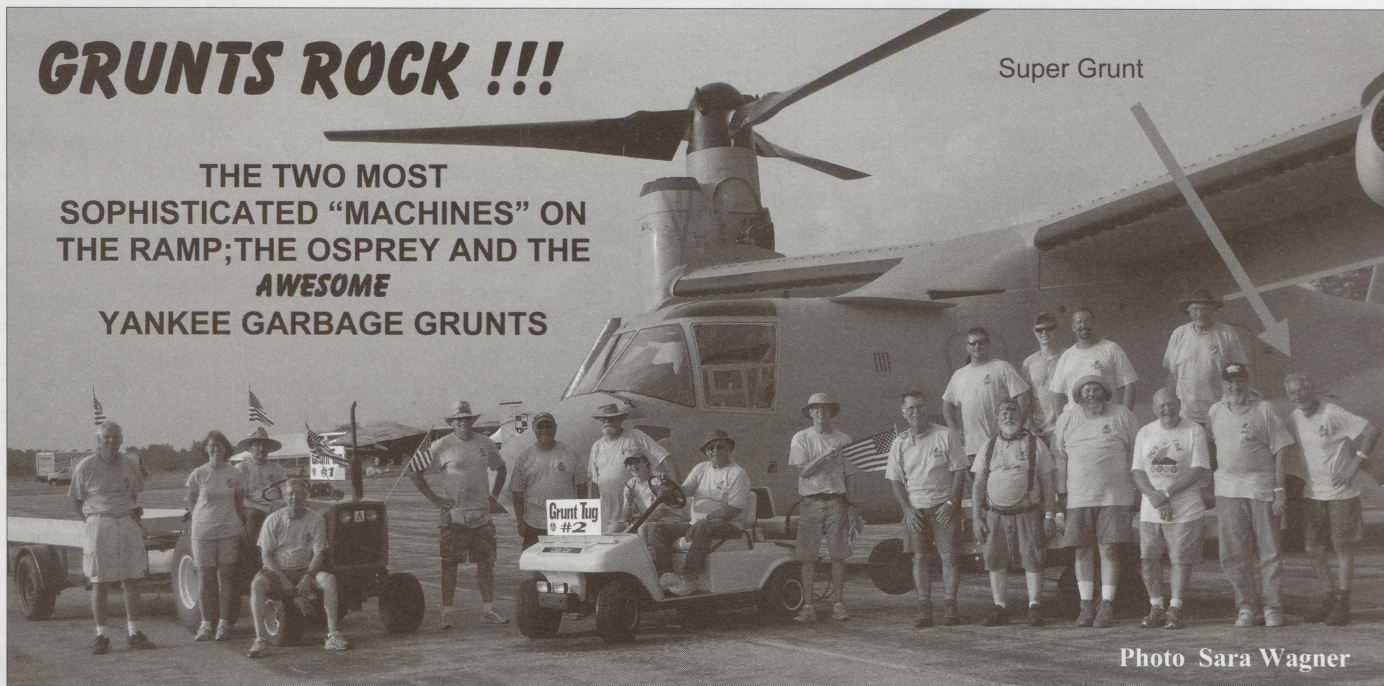
Again for those who do not attend our General Membership Meeting, they are missing an entertaining evening. In August we had a great story about the B-24 Bomber Crewmember camp.
Please come join us for the programs scheduled.

- Sep: Dennis Norton, former President of the Yankee Air Museum (and member #1) with the story of how we got the C-47 and B-52
- Oct: "Bent Prop" update on search for wrecks & MIA in the South Pacific – Flip Colmer. See more at www.bentprop.org
- Nov: Bob Coolbaugh and the story of the Navy's first airplane the Curtis Pusher A-1 Triad flown in 1911
- Dec: Vet's story of Guadalcanal
- Jan: Ray Hunter will give an encore presentation on USAF Helicopter operations in Vietnam
- Feb: John Wukovits on General "Ike" Eisenhower

GRUNTS ROCK !!!

THE TWO MOST
SOPHISTICATED "MACHINES" ON
THE RAMP; THE OSPREY AND THE
AWESOME
YANKEE GARBAGE GRUNTS

Super Grunt



AIR SHOW NUMBERS FOR THE GRUNTS

The Kiwi Grunt's camper broke down so they didn't make the show, but the Grunts still went global with student volunteers from China to help get 8.49 TONS of GARBAGE in the WM trucks, plus another ton or so in two 30 yd roll-offs. 2600+ pounds of cardboard was taken to the Ann Arbor MRF for recycling. 55,200 water bottles were sorted through the Binford 6000 and recycled through Schupan Recycling (that's a 53 ft trailer 3/4 full) and \$1600 worth of deposit cans/bottles were recovered. Eighty two year old Super Grunt Dave Mente worked the entire weekend and even recycled the broken chairs and tent frames. Two Grunt Tugs were put into service this year. Next show we'll have three.

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YAM DOG TAGGERS

YANKEE AIR FORCE

\$12,000 GOAL FOR 2011

Learn to Fly

Private Pilot Flight Lessons
Classic 1978 Cessna 172
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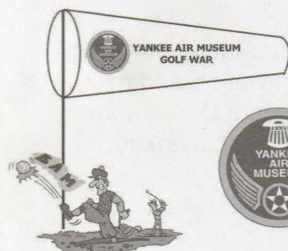
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Yankee Dog Tag Report YTD

The Dog Tag revenue as of July 31 was 53¢ short of \$5,000. With 90%+ of patrons opting for the silencer "boots" too at \$1 each, maybe this year the \$12k target will be achieved!

If you'd like to become a member of the Dog Tag and Retail team and be eligible to be chosen for air show trips, get in contact with Steve Hopper in retail, www.retail@yankeeairmuseum.org. Interested candidates will be contacted by Steve for DT school. Then put in an app for a show crew.



ATTENTION GOLFERS



YANKEE AIR MUSEUM GOLF WAR 2011

18 HOLE SCRAMBLE & FUND RAISER

Help raise money for the Yankee Air Museum

September 27th 11 am shotgun start

Selfridge ANGB, Mt Clemens, MI

Last year we had A-10s, Chinooks and C-130's doing fly-overs!

Team up with the ANG & YAM for a Great Day

Support and/or join a lot of just *plane* crazy golfers

Entry Fee per player *♦ \$75 by Sept 9th, \$85 at door including dinner

Make checks payable to Yankee Air Museum, PO Box 590, Belleville, MI 48112-0590

Player names must be submitted by Sept 20th to be on base security list

No problem assigning you to a team if you don't have one

Proof of insurance, Driver's license and Current Vehicle Registration required to drive on base

Coffee & donuts at the start, dog, chips and pop at the turn

Sponsorship opportunities

Event/hole sponsorships \$100

Special **GOLF WAR** trophy with winners' names *immortalized* on affixed Dog Tag

Grand Prize drawing - a ride in the *Yankee Lady B-17*

♦ Only entry fees received/postmarked by Sept 9th will be entered into the bomber ride drawing

Information: (734) 645-1150 or (734) 483-4030 ext 247, leave a message for Dave Steiner or email dsteiner@blackmoreco.com

* all but \$36 is tax deductible - Yankee Air Museum is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit

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Team Drano Will Defend Golf War Title

The 2011 Yankee Air Museum GOLF WAR will be held in September 27th at Selfridge ANGB. Sponsors and players are needed. You need not be a low handicapper or even have a golf handicap to play in this event. It is a best ball scramble, so just come out to have fun and play a course the public isn't normally allowed on. Good meal too!

Grand prize drawing for the event is a ride in the B-17. How many golf outings give you that opportunity! For more information about this event contact Dave Steiner dsteiner@blackmoreco.com, or call (800) 874-8660.

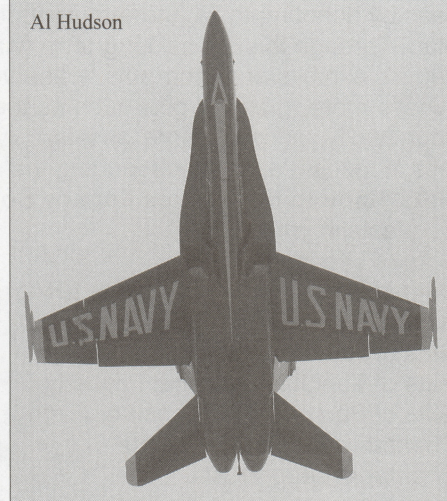
Speaking of Selfridge, Yankee Executive Director **Randy Hotton** will be in the cockpit of the Lockheed P-3 Orion submarine hunter, the type he flew as a Naval Aviator, at the Selfridge Airpark Museum. The former squadron members of VP 93, now disestablished, help maintain and staff the plane for tours. VP 93 home page is <http://home.neo.rr.com/vp93/> or link to it and get more information about the Selfridge Museum from www.selfridgeairmuseum.org

Security requires driver's license, registration and proof of insurance for your vehicle to get on the base.

Modest admission is charged for the museum/airpark. Get a personal tour from Randy on these Sunday afternoon dates.

- September 4
- October 16 & 30

Al Hudson



FUNDING THE FUTURE OF THE YANKEE

Funding the Future of the Yankee will be a permanent feature in the Hangar Happenings, devoted to updating our membership on the progress of the Yankee's Development efforts to become America's leading historical aviation and military technology Museum. This month's issue is devoted to introducing members to the new Development Dept. team, their strategies for growth and the role that the membership and greater community play in the future of the Yankee.

Monthly Development Report

Dear Yankee Members,

It is with great pleasure to introduce the first *Funding the Future of the Yankee* section in Hangar Happenings. It is the goal of the Development Department to regularly report on the progress of our campaign to build a strong foundation to support the future growth of the museum. To position the Yankee for growth, the following priorities are underway: Collecting & digitizing past donor data to develop a history of philanthropy at the Yankee. • Implementing a database and website processing of members, volunteers, and track and solicit donors. • Acknowledging current and former donors and developing ways to maintain and build upon their support. • Achieve compliance with IRS guidelines through the archiving & protection of donor data, develop policies and procedures for gift handling, and consolidate individual department fundraising to flow through the Development Dept. • Work with Yankee other departments to collaborate on strategies to increase revenue. • Provide support and help increase revenue from events, the Gala, the Golf Event, Dispatch Riders • Developing and implementing a marketing plan to support all revenue producing areas of the museum. I am humbled to be chosen as the first-ever full time Director of Development and entrusted to help facilitate the growth of such an esteemed organization. It is my duty to help preserve your legacies by helping build a future Yankee that will be enjoyed by your grandchildren, great grandchildren and the community, and honoring all of you for your important role in its history.

Sincerely,

Velda Fayz

Make Your Flight Last Forever The Yankee Legacy Society Planned Giving Program

The Yankee Air Museum is working hard to establish a Planned Giving Society. Members of the **Yankee Legacy Society** help provide for the Yankee Air Museum's ongoing success by donating to its future by including YAM in their estate plan. Through this crucial long-term financial support, the Museum's exhibits and programs will serve generations to come. What's more, planned gifts such as these can benefit you and your family, passing more assets to your heirs, while paying less in taxes – all while supporting the mission of The Yankee:

Gifts Made to the Yankee Legacy Society can include:

Bequests in your will
Gifts of Life Insurance
Gifts of Retirement Plan Assets (IRAs)
Gifts of Stock or Other Securities
Gifts of Real Property
Gifts of Tangible Personal Property
Gifts of Personal Residence or Farm
Charitable Remainder Trusts
Charitable Lead Trusts

If you are considering joining the Yankee Legacy Society with an endowment gift or a planned gift, please contact Velda Fayz.

In the Next Issue of *Funding the Future*: Annual Fund, Foundation and Corporate Grants, Sponsorships, Membership Campaigns, Corporate Campaigns and Development Dept.

Velda.fayz@yankeeairmuseum.org (734) 483-4030 ext 233

Honoring and Memorializing a Loved One

Recognize someone important in your life by giving a tribute gift. Memorials and Tributes will be recognized in Hangar Happenings, on the website and in the future, on a permanent acknowledgement wall in the museum. In 2011*, gifts have been made in honor or memorial of the following individuals: (*any missing memorials and their donors will be included in the next issue*)

Mr. Robert G. Richards

Memorialized by

Janet	Pohl
Eugene	Blanchard
David	Saunders
Frank	Taubitz
Miriam	Chapman
Robert	Pilz
Rex	Kanitz
Donald	Bock
Ronald	Raymer
Leonard	DiCello
Henry	Kosztowny
Janet	Morgan
Nickolas	Fleezanis
Carole	Orth
William	Richards
Alan	Ryan
Robert	Ganz
Jeffery	Esper
Les	Klima
Mary	Bassett
Nancee	Schwab
Eleanor	Banyai
Thomas	Burns

Mr. Donald S. McQueen

Memorialized by:

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Paul	Alandt
William	Wiechec
Barry	Friedman
Stephen	Johnson
Donald	Schoenhals
Carl	Mayer
Noah	Kuhn
Esther	Norris
Roy	Hawkinson
George	Kuhn
Rita	Fushman

Mr. Robert Fuller

Memorialized by:

Joseph	Katich
Amy	Thompson
Michael	Gordon

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Scholl

Honored by:

Kathryn	Dolan
Karen	Bejin

Ah.....the perks of Membership!



The benefits...and perks...of Membership in the Yankee Air Museum are many. Sign up your friends and become a Yankee Star!

Kroger Community Rewards: YOU MUST REUP FOR 2011/12 STARTING APRIL 2011

Yankee's enrollment for the last year ended on April 30, 2011 so **you must re-enroll** for the period May 1, 2011 through April 30, 2012. This may be done anytime after April 1, 2011 but now must be done online.

Enroll at www.krogercommunityrewards.com. Have your Kroger Plus Card number ready (the twelve numbers below the barcode) if you already have one. You will also need an email address and you must enter a password of your choice. If you don't have a Kroger Plus Card you can get one immediately at your local Kroger service desk. The Yankee Air Museum registered number is 83614, but Yankee will be on a pull-down list on the registration site.

This program is for Kroger shoppers in Michigan only. Just make sure you have a Kroger card registered to Yankee Air Museum. **Any friend of Yankee can register.**

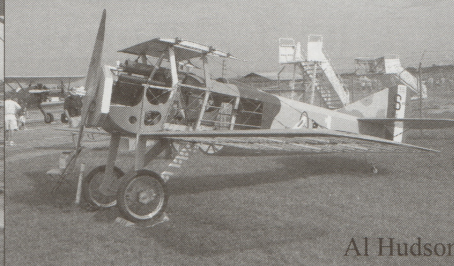


Thunder Event Director Kevin Walsh standing on the wing of the F-84 addresses "The Troops" that make Thunder happen at the July 9th mass meeting for volunteers in the High Bay of the YAM Collections and Exhibits Bldg. **THANKS VOLUNTEERS!** Photo by Al Hudson

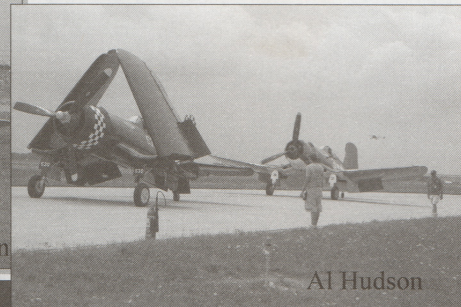


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Yankee SPAD from Mr. Rodgers' neighborhood

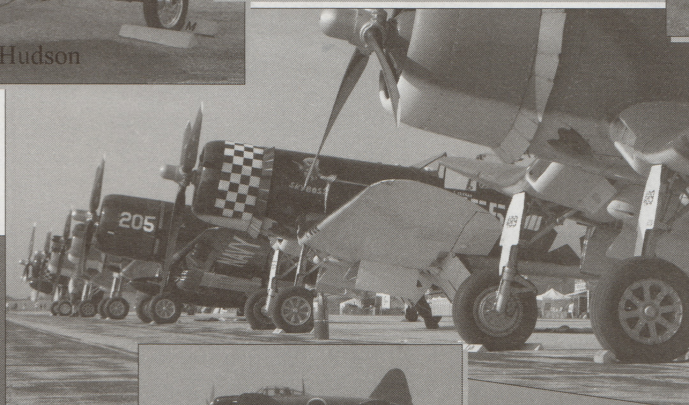


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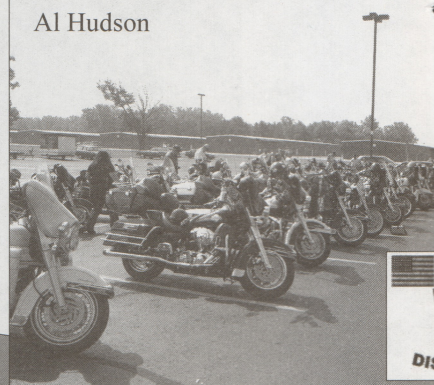


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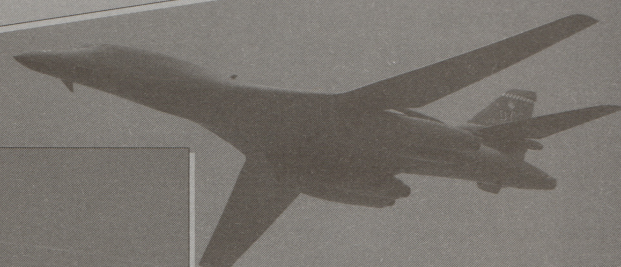
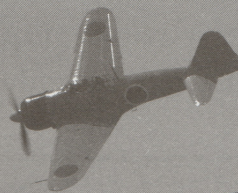
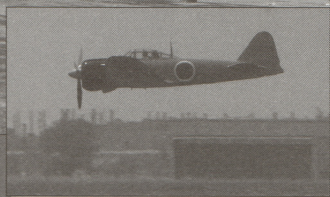
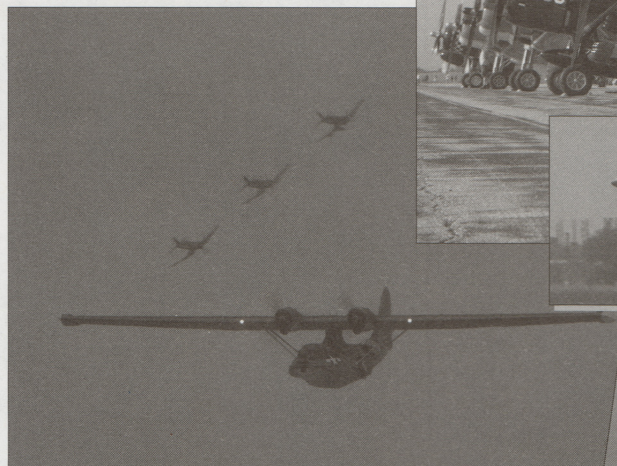
Bob Coolbaugh says the Navy A-1 Triad replica is a handful to fly. He's scheduled to speak about it at the Nov. membership meeting



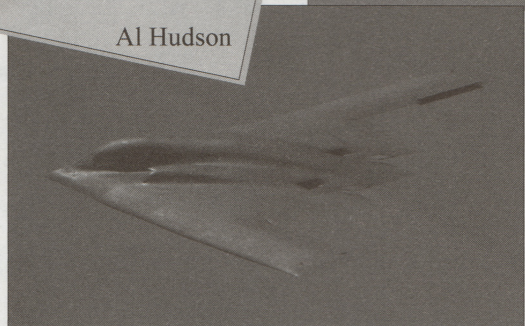
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Corsairs chased off the bad guys in the afternoon Pacific "battle"

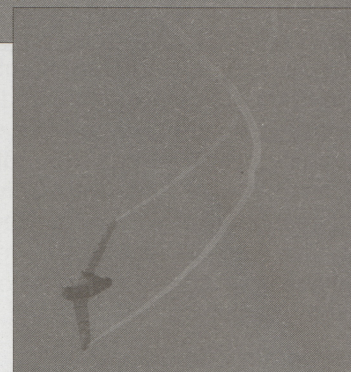
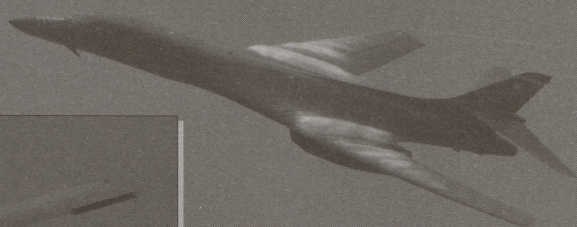


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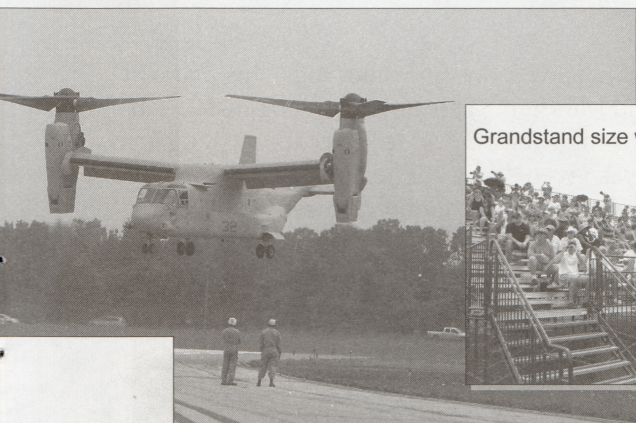


Left: B-2 made a pass on Saturday. Above: The BONE was awesome both days.

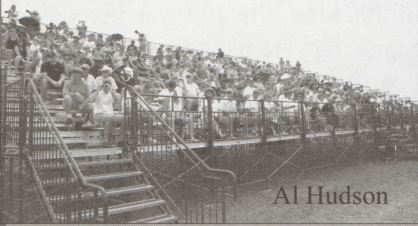
Right: Will Ward leaves some vapor trails with his black 309, MiG-17. He also had his MiG-21 on the ramp.



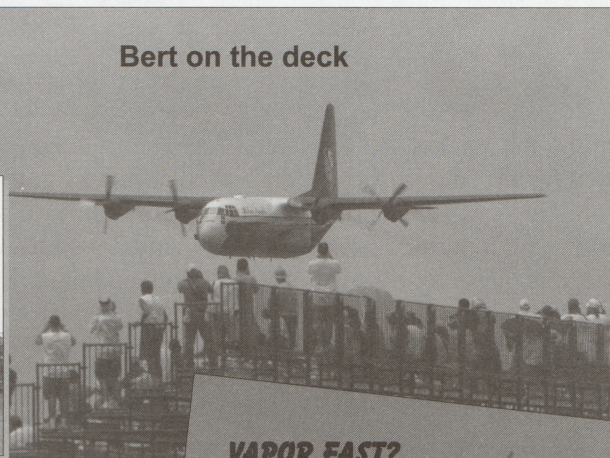
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Grandstand size was doubled and filled



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Bert on the deck

VAPOR EAST?



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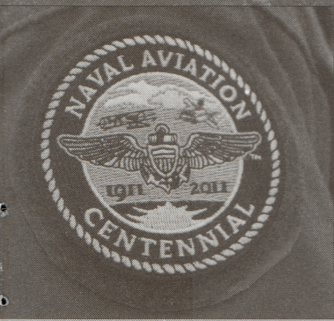
Red, White & Blue motorcycle ride was a huge success both days



Left: Flame-thrower demo



Above: Mustang "on the deck" in a strafing run for the morning European "battle". Photos by Rand Bitter except as noted



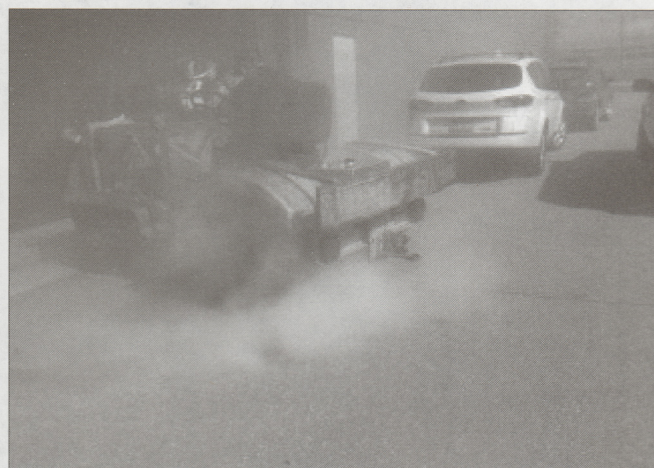
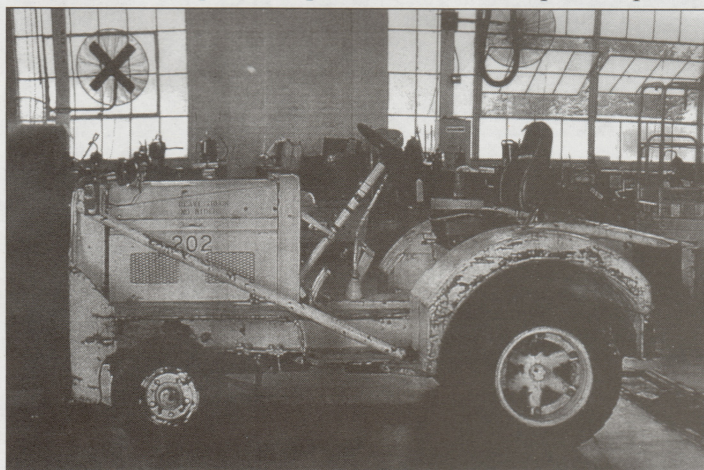
Left: USMC re-enactors for the afternoon Pacific "battle"

Right: Thunder Run included amphibious tracked vehicles in Belle Isle Lake, above



A New Tug For Yankee Air Museum

Recently, the Yankee Air Museum (YAM) introduced another tug into service. As with our five other tugs, this one will be used for moving heavy objects – such as our aircraft - around the ramps and Museum. This tug has a long history. It was built around 1956 and was used to tow aircraft early in its career. The bracing bars were added later for pushing heavy items around industrial sites. As with many donations of this kind, this tug was given “as is”. The paint was flaking, the engine was questionable even though it ran, and the mechanical systems were unverified. Caution required a check of every system and repair or replacement of all suspicious parts during the restoration.



Jim Malzone with Bob Anderson headed the restoration effort for the YAM Ground Equipment staff; and everyone spent many long hours over , under, and around the tug replacing the brake master cylinder, the gas tank, electrical switches, etc., etc., etc. Other members such as Bob Pilz helped with special skills. Of course, the finish needed stripping, priming and repainting.

Things didn't always go well! The initial engine test had everyone gasping (notice smoke in photo above) and showed that the carburetor needed to be completely disassembled and cleaned!

While the restoration and maintenance of tugs, ground power units and support equipment are not as glamorous as working on the aircraft, it is critical to the smooth functioning of the YAM flight programs and our air show.



Ground Crew Staff clockwise starting far left:

Jim Gilkey, Jim Malzone, Norm Weakland, Bob Anderson, Don Walls, Bob Gilkey.

The equipment is highly appreciated by our aircrew and guests as it tugs our planes to the line for yet another great YAM Flight Experience

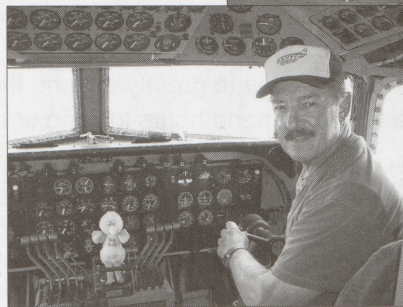
R.K Gilkey
Ground Crew Staff

AN IMPROMPTU ZANTOP HOMECOMING ON THE DC-6B - Bob DuBert

Staffing the YAM DC-6B during the air show is fun and rewarding for members of the Restoration Department. As a former Alitalia passenger airliner, the "Six" is an aircraft that a large cross-section of air show visitors seem to relate to quickly. Small children delight in clambering up the steel staircase, to enjoy watching vintage cartoons in the passenger cabin's video theatre. Weary adults, seeking refuge from a relentless sun, take advantage of comfortable seating to rest tired feet for a few minutes.

Two special visitors paid a visit on the Sunday of TOM 2011: former Zantop Captain Larry Cole (right) and former ramp agent Don Jajuga (far right). Captain Cole, who flew DC-Bs and L-188 Electras for Zantop, holds the distinction of commanding Zantop's very last revenue flight, with crewmembers F/O Dave Odem and F/E Bill Gainey, STL-YIP, 15 APR 2005, on Electra N343HA. Don Jajuga was the loadmaster for the final trip of "Three Romeo", Zantop shorthand for the registration of the YAM DC-6B--N4913R. For both men, their visits to the "Six" triggered memories of time spent on an aircraft they considered a veritable "home away from home", and sadness about the demise of a company which they remember as an honorable employer and a good place to work.

For the author of this article, meeting Cole and Jajuga was the highlight of the show, and a reminder that for our Museum, devoted to history, it's people and their stories that bring life to any aircraft!



From: "Thomas Rammer"
Subject: 11 June Flight
Date: Mon, June 13, 2011 11:00 am
To: B25flights@YankeeAir Museum.org

Hello,

This past Sunday, 11 June I had a most memorable experience thanks to the crew and volunteers that came along with the B-25 Yankee Warrior to the Butler Country regional airport near my home in Fairfield, Ohio. I was in my basement that morning and suddenly my ears perked up with the familiar, but much too rare, sound of large radial engines. Living close to the airport I have become pretty accustomed to the everyday sounds of Cessna's and the like and I knew this was something different. I ran outside to see what was flying overhead and spotted a gleaming B-25! I grabbed my camera and headed for the airport. Although the crew and aircraft were there for a special Father's Day surprise they were more than eager to talk to me and even allowed me to walk right up to the bomber and take as many pictures as I wanted. They even invited me to step inside and get some great shots of the interior. I was in 7th heaven as they say. The crew and volunteers were absolutely the most friendly, courteous and helpful bunch I have come across in a long time. You can imagine my reaction when they said they would take up another flight of people later that day. I couldn't drive home and back to the airport fast enough with some cash! Anyway, to make a long story short I want to say that it was an absolutely fantastic experience, and being a WW2 enthusiast it was another dream come true. I'm sad to admit that I don't remember each and every name, but nonetheless I would like to say a big "THANKS!" to all those people that were affiliated with your museum! I recall one of the gentlemen I spoke to for quite some time, Lew Major. All of these people came together that day in some manner to give me some memories which I will NEVER forget. You have a top-notch operation going there and I hope to be able to visit the museum some day. If they ever fly back to the Butler Country airport make sure they make a loop over my house just north-east of the airport and I'll be back!

Sincerely,

Thomas Rammer

Aero-Thermal Technical Specialist - Cincinnati Engineering Center
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Hangar Happenings in Color? HH is NOW online in COLOR on the Yankee web site

Hangar Happenings is now online in color (colour for Canadians, eh?) for your viewing pleasure. Just go to the Yankee home page, click on Media, then on Hangar Happenings. HH will be posted early in the month so you won't have to keep checking your mailbox to get the latest Yankee information, or wonder when the Postal Service will get it to you. In fact, all the 2011 issues are posted if you want to see what they would have looked like in color. So have a look. Very sharp!

Full color masthead is neat



The files can be 4-7 MB depending on how many photos are in the issue, so you need a moderately fast connection or you might need to give it a few minutes to download. Also make sure you have the latest Adobe version. Thanks to **Mike Hudson** for making this possible. We hope to greatly expand the Yankee Photo Gallery (on the same "Media" page) in the future to make it a site where you can spend hours looking at all things Yankee!

BUT NOT TO WORRY! HH will continue to come in the mail as always (eventually) if you do nothing. If you don't get your HH in the mail, contact the membership department at membership@yankeearmuseum.org or call (734) 483-4030 x 225 as they maintain the membership list. **DO NOT** contact Hangar Happenings. Membership can check to see if your name is on the mailing list. Sorry to say there are about a dozen people each month who don't receive their HH in the mail. We've never been able to ascertain why. But now with HH being posted online IN COLOR, you can get it there, every month no matter where you live.

If you would prefer **NOT** to receive HH in the mail, thereby saving the Museum printing and mailing costs, send an email to membership@yankeearmuseum.org with HH online in the subject line, and your name and address in the email so they may remove you from the HH mailing data base. Then enjoy HH in color anywhere in the world.

But wait, there's more!

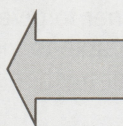
For HH online, all the links and emails are hot linked! Just click on any of the web sites or emails mentioned and you will be directed there. Here's a great P-38 video. Enjoy. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GdzF_i7mPgs



Yankee Photo Gallery

Here's the link to the Yankee Photo Gallery maintained by Dwight Koslowski. The latest HH images in **COLOR** are there along with thousands of other Yankee and Yankee related photos.

http://public.fotki.com/Kos/members_photo_galle/



LOTS OF GOOD STUFF

INCLUDING AIR SHOW CREW REQUEST FORM

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2011 C-47 EXCURSION SCHEDULE

With acquisition of hangar space at DTW, flights will originate there or YIP

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ALL TRIPS ARE FOR MEMBERS ONLY - JOIN TODAY!

A minimum of ten passengers needed to confirm a flight.

Seats must be purchased a minimum of two weeks prior to flight. Unless otherwise indicated, listed amounts are for flights only and do not include ground transportation or other incidental expenses. Dates and prices are subject to change. Destination additions or subtractions are possible as circumstances dictate. Cancellations, other than by Yankee Air Museum, from one to four weeks prior to flight will incur a \$50.00 processing fee. Cancellations less than one week prior to flight will not receive a refund.

FOR RESERVATIONS or any questions: Call **Bobbie Farkas (734) 546-8002** 24/7 or **complete the above Registration Form**, or E-mail c47flights@yankeeamuseum.org. All communication regarding flights will be done by email or phone. No tickets will be mailed.

ONLY ONE MONTH OF FLYING LEFT SIGN UP NOW !

Saturday	September 10	Jackson Airport, MI (for lunch)# ONE SEAT LEFT (7/30/11)	\$70.00
Wednesday	September 21	Detroit Tour (Departs approximately 5:30 PM) 12 SEATS LEFT 7/30/11	\$60.00
Fri. - Sun.	September 23-25	Lee Bottom, IN (Wood, Fabric and Tail-dragger Fly-in) SIX SEATS LEFT 7/30/11	\$380.00

* Call for additional costs: 734-546-8002

** Hoosier Air Museum, WWII Victory Museum and Auburn-Cord-Dusenber Museum

*** Includes \$35 Airshow Admission Fee

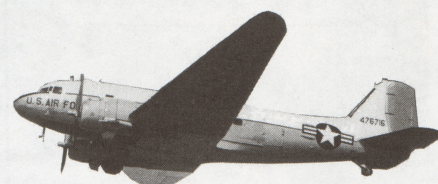
Depart 11:15 AM; enjoy the comradery over a leisurely lunch (not included) and head back to the hangar

! Indicates this trip has sold at least 10 seats and is confirmed as going

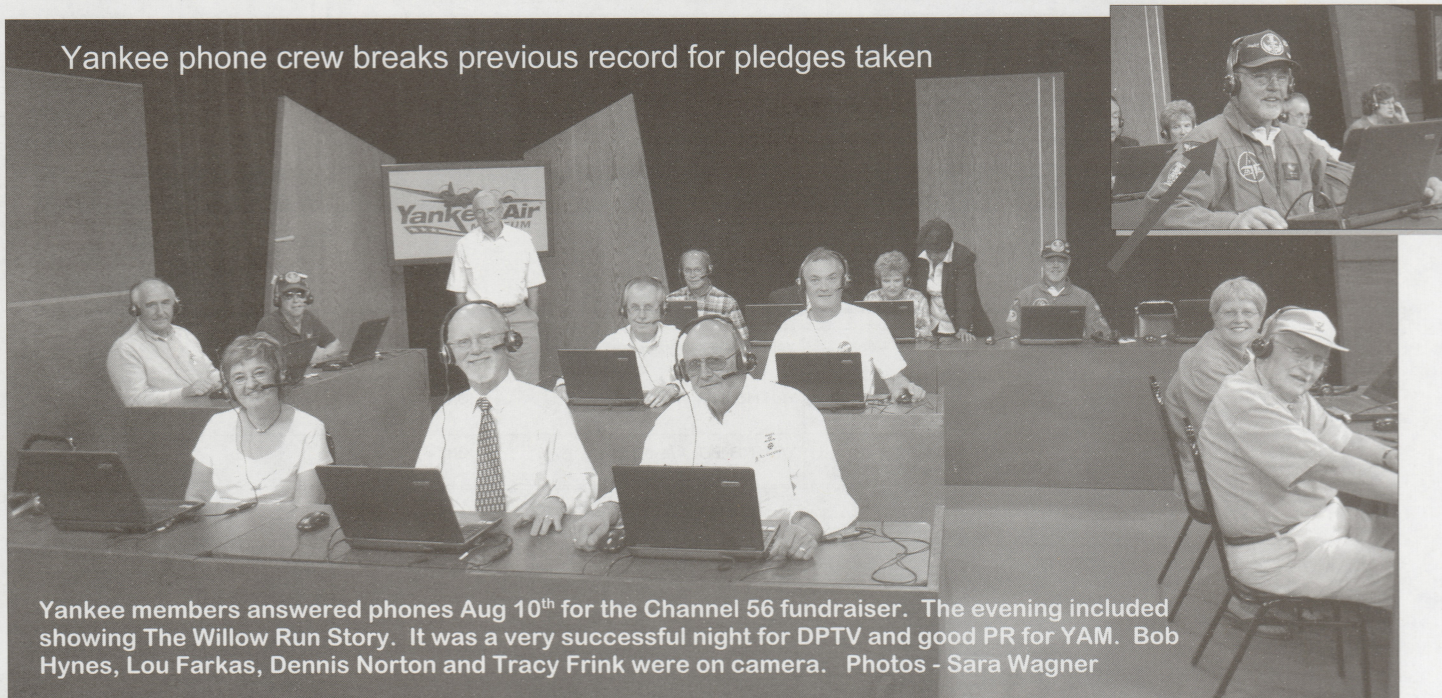
+ www.yankeeamuseum.org Links on the web excursion page provide more information about your destination



There are a few seats available for the most awesome C-47 trip of the year; The Wood, Fabric & Tail-dragger fly-in to 641. Check out the web site www.leebottom.com. 2010 was to be the last year for this event but Ginger and Rich Davidson got more help so it will continue to celebrate the Golden Age of Aviation. We are going!



Yankee phone crew breaks previous record for pledges taken



Yankee members answered phones Aug 10th for the Channel 56 fundraiser. The evening included showing *The Willow Run Story*. It was a very successful night for DPTV and good PR for YAM. Bob Hynes, Lou Farkas, Dennis Norton and Tracy Frink were on camera. Photos - Sara Wagner

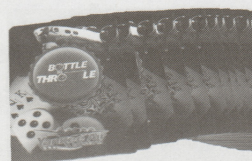


IS BACK ONLINE!

That's right, visit YankeeAirMuseum.org to be connected to the latest and greatest online store!

New items will be added regularly and sections will be added over the summer to make

YankeeAirMuseum.org Southeast Michigan's Premier Site for Aviation related merchandise!



Use the coupon code "MEMBER" to get your 10% membership discount applied to your order. More planes, more collectibles, more pins, patches and challenge coins will be added in the very near future. Books, DVD's, Yankee Apparel will all be added as it becomes available. Want it, but don't see it? Let us know and we can get it for you! The Retail Team has lots of plans for this site, so come back often!

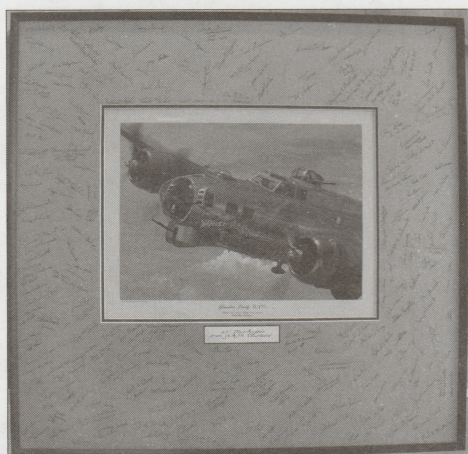
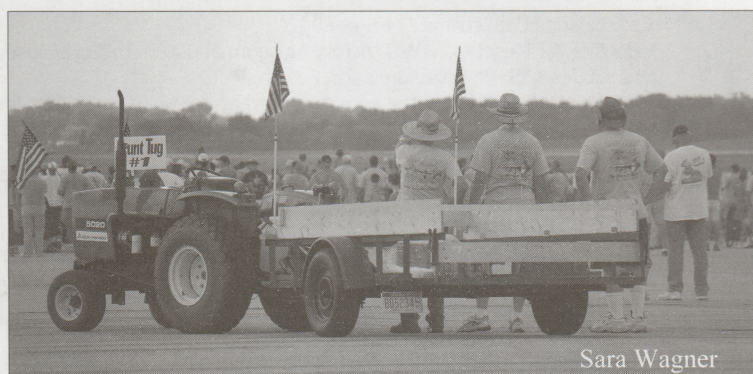


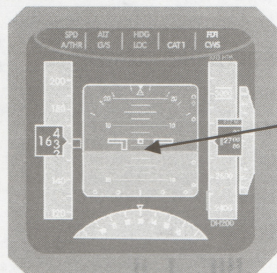
Photo at left, signed by Thunder volunteers was presented to the Blue Angels.

Photo Rand Bitter



Sara Wagner

Crew of Grunt Tug #1 formulates plan of attack on the "field of battle".



ON THE HORIZON

AIR PARK

East side of Willow Run Airport
at Beck and Ecorse Roads

HEADQUARTERS !!!

47884 D Street, Willow Run Airport

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SEPTEMBER

Saturday 17th

Grosse Ile GALA, held in Hangar 1 at Grosse Ile airport, a former Naval Air Station. Not a Yankee event but a great gig put on by the folks on Grosse Ile. See more on page 5. Contact Grosse Ile Township Hall for more information and tickets, or hot link online www.grosseileairport.com

Fri - Sun 23-25th

Lee Bottom member excursion on the C-47
Sleep under the wing, and enjoy the fly-in
atmosphere of the Golden Age of Aviation



Tuesday 27th

YANKEE AIR MUSEUM GOLF WAR - Selfridge ANGB, golf scramble fund raiser for Yankee Air Museum. B-17 ride drawing. Details page 5

OCTOBER

Saturday 8th ?

Yankee Air Museum Annual Gala. Save the date, sort of.
Help us celebrate our 30th Anniversary. At press time we were still awaiting confirmation from our keynote speaker, so date may be changed.

Have A Yankee Story from Our First 30 Years?

If you have an interesting and/or humorous story you'd like to share at the Yankee Air Museum 30th Birthday **GALA**, take a few minutes to write it down and submit it for consideration for presentation at the party this fall, or perhaps printing in HH.

Send to hangarhapps@yankeeairmuseum.org

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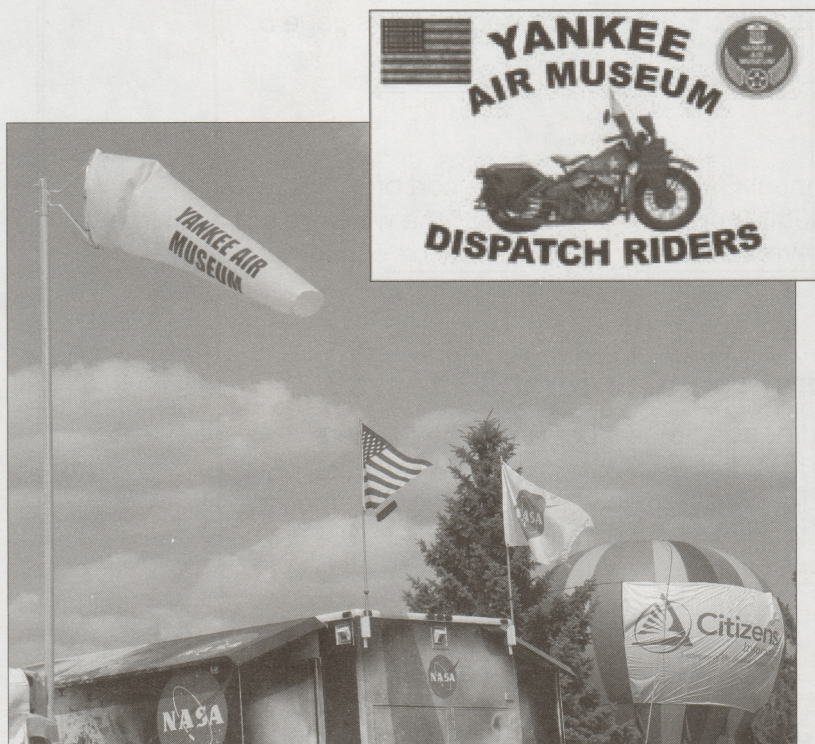
Sept Meeting Program

The September 7th general membership meeting is 7:30pm at the
**NEW Yankee Air Museum
Collections & Exhibits
Building** east side of
Willow Run Airport.

Program is
Dennis Norton, Yankee member
#1 talking about how we
acquired the C-47 & B-52

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Brother and sister Mike and Dianne Hieber were on the Howell Balloon Fest B-25 air show crew and took along the Yankee windsock they got for sponsoring a hole at the Yankee Golf War 2009. They fly it from their trailer when camping. How are YOU promoting YOUR Yankee Air Museum? Photo by Al Hudson

RIDE BENEFITS YAI

Bike Night

September 22, 2011

Comerica PARK

TIGERS V. ORIOLES

\$36.00 / PERSON INCLUDES: GAME TIME 7:05pm
UPPER BOX TICKET | BIKE NIGHT TSHIRT | HOT DOG, POP & BAG OF CHIPS

CALLING ALL BIKE ENTHUSIASTS AND RIDERS!

Join the Tigers for the 4th annual Bike Night at Comerica Park! Free bike parking on Brush St. and at Hockeytown Cafe. Approximately 600 parking spots available. First come, first serve basis.

A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS FROM BIKE NIGHT WILL BENEFIT THE YANKEE AIR MUSEUM IN BELLEVILLE, MI.
FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE MUSEUM PLEASE CALL 734.483.4030

FOR TICKETS CALL 313-471-2248 EMAIL BRAD.LOCKWOOD@DETROITTIGERS.COM